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28 December 1953

1. At the Deputies Meeting Mr. Dulles discussed the propriety of an award, such as the Legion of Merit or possibly the National Security Medal, for Colonel [REDACTED] and others in the [REDACTED]. No definite decision was reached. The initiative to make a further recommendation was left with Mr. Wisner.

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2. Mr. Dulles told Mr. Kirkpatrick that he wanted to see Senator Potter again some time soon.

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3. Mr. Dulles gave General Cabell a letter from [REDACTED] having to do with the command structure in the Far East Command. General discussion indicated that this was a problem both in [REDACTED] and in [REDACTED] and that a paper was being prepared on this general subject for the Director's consideration.

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4. Mr. Dulles commended the report made by Mr. Pforzheimer concerning his interview with Senator Watkins. Mr. Dulles believed that Mr. Pforzheimer had done such a good job in debriefing the Senator that it would not be necessary to ask him to come to CIA.

5. Mr. Dulles noted that he had read the A-DD/A's comments on the Auditor-in-Chief's report. He asked that the A-DD/A follow up on this matter.

6. Mr. Dulles gave Mr. Kirkpatrick a paper written by J. C. King which stated that the morale among clerical employees in Latin America would be lowered because of the extension of their two-year tours of duty to three years. There was also an implication that promotions would also be slowed up, which I do not understand. Presumably we will hear about this further from Mr. Kirkpatrick.

7. There was general discussion of cable traffic, and it was noted that despite a lot of talk on this subject our volume is not being substantially reduced. Mr. Dulles asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to study this matter with the A-DD/A. Mr. Kirkpatrick has the paper and presumably we will be asked to come up with cost estimates.

8. I have confirmed with the Personnel Office [REDACTED] that Mr. [REDACTED] transfer from the Agency to the Library of Congress was effective on 14 December 1953.

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